

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (amended) A method for producing customizable audio speech for use by a person wishing to use such speech to communicate with others, which comprises the steps of

- a) creating a plurality of sets and sub-sets of words, phrases and sentences in text form in a source language;
- b) creating a plurality of sets and sub-sets of digital speech audio files corresponding to words, phrases and sentences in one or more target languages in different voices, by recording the voices speaking the words, phrases and sentences in the one or more target languages;
- c) associating each of the words, phrases and sentences in text form in the source language with one or more of the digital speech audio files, in the one or more target languages so that selection of the text form in the source language allows retrieval of the corresponding digital speech audio file in the one or more target languages in a specific voice and storing said associated sets in a central open server in digitized electronic form in a database;

- d) organizing said words, phrases and sentences in text form in the source language into conversational social groups and subgroups;
- e) storing said conversational social groups and subgroups on an central open server;
- f) arranging said conversational social groups and subgroups in a hierarchical structure;
- e)g) ~~coding said words, phrases and sentences, and said conversational social groups and subgroups to allow for rapid retrieval and for customization of same into personal groups and subgroups;~~ customizing of said words, phrases and sentences by an end user, which comprises one or more of the following steps
 - 1. retrieving a sub-set of said conversation social groups and subgroups;
 - 2. deleting unwanted words, phrases and sentences from conversational social groups and subgroups;
 - 3. moving words, phrases and sentences between conversational social groupings;
 - 4. creating new conversational groups and subgroups;
 - 5. moving conversational groups and subgroups within the hierarchy structure;
 - 6. selecting a single specific conversational group for initial display;

7. associating a specific word, phrase or sentence with a unique number-pad or keyboard sequence.

~~f)h)~~ _____ means ~~for communicating receiving~~ requests ~~to at~~ the central open server for additional words, phrases and sentences in text in source language to be created in additional digital audio files in one or more target languages in one or more voices; which may form part of existing or new conversational social groups and subgroups;

~~g)i)~~ _____ creating said additional digital audio files on a closed server for access by the requester only;

i) _____ selecting a digital audio speech file;

~~h)~~ means ~~for a requester to alter and create new conversational social groups and subgroups;~~

~~i)k)~~ _____ means ~~for playing said selected digital audio speech files so that~~ a user may use such words, phrases and sentences to communicate by speech with others in a selected target language; and

~~j)l)~~ _____ means ~~for graphically displaying the one or more selected digital audio speech files to verify what is being spoken to the user.~~

2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein access to the central servers is by a workstation directly connected thereto or capable of connection through an internet connection or other suitable means.

3. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the workstation comprises a portable device, ~~which includes display means for displaying selected text in source language, audio playing means for playing selected digital speech audio files, and means for communicating with the central servers and/or means for playing media containing recorded text and digital speech audio files copied from the central servers.~~

4. (new) The method of claim one further comprising; customizing of words, phrases and sentences by an end user, which comprises the following steps;

- a. storing a plurality of icons on the open central server;
- b. retrieving desired icons from said open central server;
- c. associating specific words, phrases or sentences to a specific icon, and;
- d. arranging icons on a user interface.

5. (new) The method of claim one further comprising; distribution of words, phrases and sentences through a physical media.

6. (new) The method of claim one further comprising; a sub-set of words, phrases and sentences voiced by celebrities.

7. (new) The method of claim four further comprising; associating specific words, phrases or sentences to a specific icon and keypad or keyboard entry